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OF THE OFFICERS OF THE

TOWN OF CHATHAM



FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31

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The Reporter Book Press, North Conway, N. H.

LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

MERTON H. YOUNG RICHARD F. CHANDLER
HENRY R. HARVEY

TREASURER

WELLINGTON P. CHANDLER

TOWN CLERK

OLIN R. HANSCOM

TAX COLLECTOR

MADISON O. CHARLES

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

FRED F. CHARLES

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

CHARLES S. CHANDLER ALBERT WILEY
PERLEY R. HEAD

CONSTABLE

GEORGE A. ANDERSON

AUDITORS

LUCRETIA P. CHANDLER
LUCRETIA H. CHANDLER

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Real estate, resident val-	\$104,455 00	
uation,	12,165 00	
Personal resident valuation,	12,165 00	
	-----	\$116,620 00

Resident exempt, \$1,000		
Real estate, non-resident,	\$168,180 00	
Personal, non resident,	37,185 00	
	-----	\$205,365 00

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXED, RESIDENT

63 Horses, valued at	\$4,680 00	
6 Oxen, valued at	600 00	
152 Cows, valued at	5,620 00	
26 Neat stock, valued at	1,140 00	
17 Sheep, valued at	125 00	
	-----	\$12,165 00

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXED, NON-RESIDENT

22 Horses, valued at	\$2,700 00	
1 Cow, valued at	30 00	
2 Mills,	4,200 00	
Lumber,	29,055 00	
Store,	1,200 00	
	-----	\$37,185 00

Tax rate, .02 per \$1.00		
Resident assessment, less		
polls,	\$2,332 40	
Non-resident assessment,	4,107 30	
Poll tax, 105, at \$3.00,	315 00	
	-----	\$6,754 70

APPROPRIATIONS

State tax,	\$720 00	
County tax,	839 37	
Expense of town,	2,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,559 37

SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS

Per capita tax,	\$70 00	
\$5 on \$1,000 of equalized valuation,	1,676 40	
High school tuition,	525 00	
Officers' salaries,	100 00	
Excess salaries,	75 00	
Stove,	150 00	
Back salaries,	175 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,771 40

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS

Olin R. Hanscom, services 1924, as town clerk, issuing auto permits,	\$30 75	
Richard F. Chandler, services as selectmen in 1925,	28 00	
M. O. Charles, collecting taxes, 1924,	32 80	
Henry R. Harvey, services as selectman in 1925,	25 00	
Merton H. Young services as selectman, 1925,	50 00	
W. P. Chandler, services as treasurer, 1925,	20 00	
M. O. Charles, collecting taxes, 1925,	51 00	
	<hr/>	\$237 55

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS

Edson C. Eastman Co.,	\$6 97
B. C. Snyder, printing town re- ports,	38 00
Merton Young, 1 trip to Con- way,	7 00
R. F. Chandler, trip to Con- way,	7 00
Willis Bryant, housing cannon,	5 00
Memorial Hospital,	187 00
Dr. Shedd,	30 00
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Respectfully submitted,

MERTON H. YOUNG,
RICHARD F. CHANDLER,
HENRY R. HARVEY,

Selectmen of Chatham.

WELLINGTON P. CHANDLER,,

Treasurer.

FINANCIAL REPORT

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

MERTON H. YOUNG,
RICHARD F. CHANDLER,
HENRY R. HARVEY,

Selectmen of Chatham.

WELLINGTON P. CHANDLER,

Treasurer.

January 31, 1926.

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$1,925 12
Due from State:	
Joint highway accounts, unexpended balances in State Treasury,	116 56
Bounty on wild animals, 1924,	152 60
Bounty on wild animals, 1925,	77 20
Taxes not collected, levy of 1925,	426 78
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Total assets,	\$2,698 26

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Orders outstanding,	\$13 40
Bills outstanding,	70 00
Due to School Districts, dog licenses,	1,633 60
State and Town Joint Highway Accounts:	
Unexpended balance in state treasury,	116 56
Unexpended balance in town treasury,	171 62
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Total liabilities,	\$2,005 18
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus),	693 08
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Grand total,	\$2,698 26

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

RECEIPTS

From Local Taxes:

Property taxes committed	
to collector, 1925,	\$6,439 70
Less discount and abate-	
ment, 1925,	6,406 90
Less uncollected, 1925,	5,980 12
Property taxes, current year,	
actually collected,	\$5,980 12
Poll taxes, current year, ac-	
tually collected, at \$3,	315 00
Property and poll taxes, pre-	
vious years, actually col-	
lected,	510 81

Total of above collections,

\$6,805 93

From State:

For state aid maintenance,	\$235 58
For state aid construction,	306 71
For bridge,	1,396 55
For Robbins Hill road,	121 11
Savings bank tax,	38 82

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog licenses,	42 60
Permits for the registration	
of motor vehicles,	437 81
National forest reserve,	286 06
Federal reserve money,	292 19

\$3,157 43

Total receipts from all sources,	\$9,963 36
Cash on hand February 1, 1925,	1,923 33
Grand total,	<hr/> \$11,886 69

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government:	
Town officers' salaries,	\$237 55
Town officers' expenses,	48 97
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Bounties,	77 20
Highways and Bridges:	
State aid maintenance,	799 28
Town maintenance,	1,204 26
Unclassified:	
Damages and legal expenses,	217 00
Work on Robbins Hill road,	181 66
Outlay for New Construction and	
Permanent Improvements:	
Highways and bridges—State	
aid construction,	3,810 18
Indebtedness:	
Outstanding orders paid during	
year,	268 36
Payments to Other Governmental	
Divisions:	
Taxes paid to State,	720 00
Taxes paid to County,	839 37
Payments to School Districts,	1,557 74
Total payments to Other Gov-	
ernmental Divisions, \$3,117 11	<hr/>

Total payments for all purposes,	\$9,961 57
Cash on hand January 31, 1926,	1,925 12
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Grand total,	\$11,886 69

Schedule of Town Property

Description and Value	
Town hall, land and buildings,	\$1,600 00
Furniture and equipment,	100 00
Highway Department, equipment,	350 00
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Total,	\$2,050 00

Orders Drawn for Town Maintenance

Breaking Snow After Feb. 1, 1925

Ted Stiles, shovelling 3½ hours,	\$1 54
Lucien Stiles, shovelling 3½ hours,	1 54
Forrest Hill, shovelling 3½ hours,	1 54
Mel. Heath, shovelling 3½ hours,	1 54
Elwood Bemis,	14 00
Pearl Bemis, 2 men and pair horses on roller,	11 00
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	\$31 16

SUMMER WORK

Perley Head, cutting and drawing stringers, and 1½ days self, and 1 day horses,	\$31 85
George Hill, 1½ days,	6 00
H. L. Hutchins, paint for railings,	19 35
Fox Bros., bridge stringers,	21 00

Loren Eastman, 2 days,	8 00
Vance Meader, 2 days,	8 00
Fred Meader, 2 days, self and horses,	14 00
Raymond Haley, 1½ days,	6 00
Guy Crouse, 1 day, self and horses,	7 00
F. F. Charles, 10,000 feet bridge plank,	300 00
Ernest Andrews, 2 days,	8 00
Dexter Charles, 3½ days, painting,	14 00
Louville Emerson, 3 days, self and horses,	21 00
Frank Harriman, 5 days,	20 00
A. L. Wiley, 1¾ days, self and horses,	12 25
Guy Crouse, 52 hours, self and horses, and housing roller,	42 04
Everett Eastman, 55 hours, self and horses,	42 77
Loren Eastman, 8 days,	32 00
Raymond Haley, ½ day,	2 00
Fred Meader, 1 day, ½ day, horses,	5 50
Willis Bryant, 5 days,	20 00
Town of Stowe, road machine, 6 days,	21 00
Dana Weeks, ½ day,	2 00
Perley Head, 1 day, self and four horses,	10 00
George Hill, ½ day,	2 00
Bert Stiles, ½ day, and splicing tongue and housing roller,	6 50
Ed. Johnson, 1 day,	4 00
W. A. Stone, 1 day,	4 00
F. F. Charles, 17 days self, and 3½ days horses,	78 50
F. F. Charles, 850 ft. stringers, housing roller and supplies,	16 00
Ira Rusha, 7½ days,	30 00
Ted Stiles, 1 day,	4 00
Frank Kennett, 3,240 ft. stringers,	32 40
C. S. Chandler, 2 days, horses,	6 00

Millard Chandler, 2 days, horses and self,	14 00
R. F. Chandler, 2 days,	8 00
M. O. Charles, men and team (total 24 hours),	10 00
Loren Andrews, 2 days,	8 00
Fred Lusky, 1 day, 2 men, pair horses,	11 00
Wm. Barnum, 10 hours,	4 40
Henry Harvey, 6 hours,	2 64
C. N. Keef, 10 hours,	4 40
George Hill, 1½ day,	6 00
Pearl Bemis, 2½ hours, 2 men and horses,	3 05
Fred Lusky, 5 hours,	2 22
A. L. Wiley, 4 hours,	1 76
Loren Eastman, 12 hours,	5 28
Everett Eastman, 3 hours, self and horses,	2 31
Raymond Haley, 3 hours, 2 men and horses,	3 63
C. S. Chandler, 3 hours, horses,	2 31
F. F. Charles, 2½ days self, and 2 days horses,	
2 lbs. spikes, 24c, 2 qts. linseed oil, 93c,	17 17
H. Heald, ½ day; and trip to S. Chatham with truck,	5 50
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	\$968 83

ROLLING SNOW IN 1926

Fred Lusky, 1 day,	\$7 00
Millard Chandler, 1 day,	7 00
Herbert Andrews, 1 day,	7 00
Fred Meader, 1 day,	7 00
Maurice Eastman,	4 66
Ned Bryant,	4 66
John Eastman,	4 66
Erlon Bennett, 1 day,	7 00
Walton Charles, 1 day,	7 00

Elwood Bemis, 1 day,	7 00
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	\$62 98

Paint returned to H. L. Hutchins, \$2.85.
 Plank left, probably 1,500 ft.

FRED F. CHARLES,
 Road Commissioner.

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Merton H. Young,	\$261 11
Lucien Stiles,	80 95
Bert Stiles,	159 01
George L. Clark,	25 78
George W. Morey,	92 11
Dean Charles,	60 00
Simeon Charles,	44 00
Ernest Andrews,	28 00
Albert Wiley,	8 00
Frank Harriman,	12 00
George Hill,	8 00
George Hill, 26 posts,	6 50
Percy Jones, trucking on grader,	7 00
Merton H. Young, freight on grader,	6 82
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	\$799 28

MERTON H. YOUNG,
 Patrolman.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr.

Assessments for 1925,	\$6,754 70	
Cash in treasury,	1,923 33	
Due from Collector for 1924,	510 14	
National Forest Reserve distribu- tion, 1924,	286 06	
National Forest Reserve Distribu- tion, 1925,	292 19	
State aid for roads and bridges,	2,059 95	
Abatement on State tax,	286 00	
Savings bank tax,	38 82	
Dog tax,	42 60	
Automobile tax,	437 81	
Interest on deposits,	24 98	
	<hr/>	\$12,656 58

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Paid by orders of Selectmen,	\$8,744 02	
Paid State tax,	720 00	
Paid County tax,	839 87	
Due from Collector, for 1925,	426 78	
Cash in treasury,	1,925 91	
	<hr/>	\$12,656 58

Respectfully submitted,

WELLINGTON P. CHANDLER,

Treasurer.

January 31, 1926.

This is to certify that we have examined the books and financial records of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find them correct according to our knowledge and belief.

LUCRETIA P. CHANDLER,
LUCRETIA H. CHANDLER,
Auditors.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

I hereby submit the following report of dog licenses for the year beginning May 1, 1925, and ending May 1, 1926:

Tax collected on four (4) female dogs, full time,	\$20 00	
Tax collected on thirteen (13) male dogs, full time,	26 00	
	<hr/>	\$46 00
License fee,		3 40
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Amount paid to Wellington P. Chandler, Treasurer,		\$42 60

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

For automobile permits issued during the year 1925: Number of permits issued, fifty, (50); amount received for fifty-one (51) permits, four hundred and thirty-seven dollars and eighty-one cents, (\$437.81.) The above amount has been paid to Wellington P. Chandler, Treasurer.

OLIN R. HANSCOM,
Town Clerk.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Chatham :

It is with pleasure and pride that I make my annual report of the condition and progress of your schools.

You are fortunate to have qualified teachers residing in your own town: teachers who take pleasure in making themselves efficient in their work of teaching, and who are valuable members of your town. Most rural towns employ teachers who reside in other parts of the country, and as the salary of teachers is small when compared with the qualifications demanded, a frequent change of teachers is the result. Young teachers without actual experience are employed, and their experience is gained at the expense of the pupils. If one of these teachers develops real teaching ability she is soon invited to a larger place and a larger salary. Many teachers go into some other occupation. More than one-sixth of the teachers in the United States left the profession last year to engage in some other work, and so a too frequent change is made. Chatham will do well to encourage its present teaching staff to remain and to give its girls and boys their efficient service.

The school population is scattered and it would work hardship to try to consolidate the schools more than has been done. But the cost of running the three schools makes the cost per pupil high. The Green Hill school varies from time to time. When the mill is

running the school is crowded, and it seems unfair for the town to be obliged to school children who only live here a part of the year. But there is no way to avoid it, as the children who come to us must be educated.

Chatham is now sending the following pupils to Fryeburg Academy: Doris Harvey, Edson Keef, Florence Bryant, Mildred Hill, Esther Charles, and Kenneth Small.

I wish to thank you all for your help and interest in the work of making your schools what they should be.

Respectfully,

L. M. FELCH,
Superintendent of Schools.

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Year Ending June 30, 1925

RECEIPTS

State aid,	\$1,570 06	
From town, \$5.00 tax,	1,528 34	
District Officers,	100 00	
High school tuition,	625 00	
Per capita tax,	78 00	
Dog licenses,	26 40	
Elementary tuition,	132 60	
Brick sold,	3 00	
Total,	<hr/>	\$4,063 40
Balance July 1, 1924,		171 07
Grand total,		<hr/> \$4,234 47

EXPENDITURES

Salaries of district officers,	\$100 00	
Superintendent's excess salary,	75 00	
Truant officer,	8 00	
Expenses of administration,	5 00	
Teachers' salaries,	2,146 00	
Text books,	68 61	
Scholars' supplies,	40 70	
Flags,	6 14	
Janitor service,	108 00	
Fuel,	151 50	
Janitors' supplies,	2 10	
Minor repairs,	36 50	
Medical inspection,	15 00	
Transportation of pupils,	288 00	
High school tuition,	450 00	
Elementary tuition,	42 00	
New equipment,	14 25	
Per capita tax,	78 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,634 80
Balance June 30, 1925,		599 67
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Grand total,		\$4,234 47
Book bill unpaid,		\$12 01

This is to certify that the information contained in this record is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Chapter 57, Laws of 1917, as amended

by Chapter 60, Laws of 1921, and upon blanks prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

LUCRETIA H. CHANDLER,
Chairman School Board.

LLEWELLYN M. FELCH,
Superintendent of Schools.

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial record of the school board, and those of the treasurer of the school district of Chatham, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGIA P. CHANDLER,
Auditor.

Dated July 2, 1925.

VITAL STATISTICS

To the Selectmen—In compliance with an act of Legislature passed June session, 1887, requiring clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report, I hereby submit the following :

BIRTHS, 1925.

February 10, to Arthur W. Haggerty and Lillian A. Sullivan, a son, John Robert Haggerty, 1st child, father born in Brewer, Maine, mother born in Kingman, Maine.

Aug. 21, to James A. Eastman and Gertrude M. Pickering, a daughter, Laura May Eastman, 6th child, father born in Bartlett, mother born in Chatham.

Oct. 23, to Frank L. Hill and Evelyn L. Smith, a daughter, Clara Grace Hill, 1st child, father born in Medford, Mass., mother born in Lovell, Maine.

MARRIAGES, 1925.

Oct. 3, in Conway, by Rev. J. Benj. Shaw, Merle W. Pitman age, 30, of Chatham, and Sara E. Hill, age 33, of Chatham, groom born in Fryeburg, Maine, bride born in Conway.

Dec. 16, in Bridgton, Maine, by Rev. Ernest F. Doughty, Brainard Barnum, age 38, of Chatham, and Mary I. Johnson, 49, of Chatham, groom born in Orange, Mass., bride born in Benton, Maine.

DEATHS, 1925.

May 24, John L. Chandler, age 52 years, 1 month, 14 days, born in Chatham, father's name, Horace Chandler, mother's name, Mary Wiley.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true transcript of the record of all the births, marriages and deaths that have been reported to me for the year ending December 31, 1925.

OLIN R. HANSCOM, Clerk.

